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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 11 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 10 and 11 have been amended.

The amendment to the claims have been made in view of the Archer (US 5,640,423) cited and discussed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith. As stated in the Information Disclosure Statement:

The Archer (US 5,640,423) patent is specific that $T_a = NT_e$ (see Fig. 1 of patent), where N is number of orthogonal signals, T_a is the symbol rate of the compressed symbol, and T_e is the effective symbol rate of conventional QAM. However, in the case of the present invention method, $T_a \neq NT_e$. To achieve spectral efficiency, with the present invention method $T_a < NT_e$. The relation $T_a = NT_e$ specific to the Archer patent implies a linear increase in the time-bandwidth product as N increases. However, in the case of the present invention, the relation is, and must be, nonlinear. Significantly, only with a nonlinearly increasing time-bandwidth product as N increases are spectral efficiency gains to

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be expected. The Archer method cannot obtain superior spectral efficiency.

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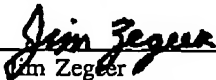
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